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time, but am very glad it is
so nearly over. I am perfectly
tired of coming round and paying visits.
I spent one day last week with
Jenni Egbert! She was delighted to
see me, and wanted me to spend some
weeks with her. Her boy is a perfect
beauty. He has bright black eyes and a
perfect colour. She is going to have another
in the spring, and this one is only sixteen
months old. Mr. Litchell is improved, and
has discarded the plaid gaiters which
used to annoy me so. He is so much
changed that I did not know him at
all at first. He spent an evening
at Miss Booths last week very pleasantly.
They inquired particularly after you,
as indeed every one does. Do not your
ears tingle a great deal? I know
I ought to have written a very interesting
letter, but somehow I could scarcely tell
you about my visit here, and I wrote you
just before coming up. You know

² there is very little to be said about visiting.
Aunt P. is coming up to the city today
to stay several weeks. It has been quite
gay lately down at Claymont, every body
has had a party. At Anches they had
a tea-fight of twentytwo besides their
family. There were six others, larger ones
but I have missed it up here. George
wrote letter of enlisting again for three
years. Auntie is opposed to it though
and I do not know whether he will or not.
I have been staying this week at Mr
Cuffs, but am going out to Aunt Katie to-
morrow again. I intend returning to
Claymont on Saturday, and am not
coming up again. I am so tired of this
visit, I am anxious to return to you all.
I am not surprised at Mr L's inde-
finite stay, I always thought there
were great attractions at your place,
and knew he had found them out. I
have twenty two or three photographs
to begin in but am too poor to get a

[illegible]

for \$1.00, nice quality too, and
the stores are filled with beautiful
delaines caps etc. Write me if any
thing you want and I will get it.
Black and white are much worn, and
black and colors. The cloaks I have
already written about and I hope you
have received the letter before this. Good
dresses are still worn, and hoops are
as large as ever. The new bonnets are
narrow below, but very wide on top, and
stand very far above the head. I
think them an very few new fashions, I
see very little change. Laces are wonder-
fully cheap. Blk. thread suits are selling
at three and four dollars, and point
d'Alencon collars at two. I want one
of the latter but Mother says no. I
can think of nothing else to tell you
about the fashions, you know I am
not a very good hand at that sort of
thing. I have been having quite a pleasant